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Turner Denies CIA Bugging of . S. Korea's Park.

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner today denied that U.S. intelligence agents bugged the South Korean government's "Blue House" or had tape recordings of the conversations of President Park Chung Hee.

It was the first time the new director of central intelligence has spoken. on the record about persistent reports that the CIA at one time hadbugged the Korean presidential residence and found evidence of a scheme to influence U.S. legislators.

"There were no tapes, no bugs,": Turner said. "I'm speaking for the entire intelligence community, not just CIA." But he declined to expand on his answer when reporters. pressed him as to whether the United States had intercepted messages being sent over the airwaves between Seoul and Washington.

TURNER SAID the CIA has no agreement with the Korean Central Intelligence Agency or other foreign governments about how they operate in the United States. There are no deals about what they do here or what U.S. agents do in foreign countries, he said, adding that any U.S. activities of Savak (the Iranian secret police), DINA (the Chilean secret agency) and others are the province of the FBI.

Turner said that the CIA has turned over to Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson, D-Ill., and chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, all docu-. ments in the CIA's possession regarding the committee's prospective investigation of Korean influencepeddling. But Turner refused to go beyond the mere acknowledgment that these sensitive documents. which might implicate senators in the scandal, had been handed over to the committee.

The implication of Turner's statement today is that none of these documents is the result of electronic surveillance of the Blue House.

ON OTHER matters, Turner de-

 He has taken the advice of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass, and is notifying all involved universities of their unwitting association with the secret MK-ULTRA drug-testing project now coming to public attention. But he complained that some universities have been "unacademic" in their treatment of individuals who had even a small association with the CIA in the past.

 He has ordered new moves to reduce the CIA Operations Division by about 800 employes, largely from an overstaffing that grew during the war in Vietnam. He also has ordered new screening and exercise programs so that the agency will get "lean and mean."

 He is not clearing all secret intelligence operations in advance with the Senate Intelligence Committee, although the legislative branch is being

MK-ULTRA were given both com- heard from him since."

plete and "sanitized" versions of all documents related to the drugs-testing project. Turner said the Ford administration's Rockefeller Commission, which investigated allegations of CIA abuses, had all this material, too, well before the recent disclosures of experiments on mind control. Turner said 120 of the 149 projects were the kind "you wouldn't mind having your children involved in." The CIA is trying — so far without success - to find the unwitting. victims of the tests.

 All documents on MK-ULTRA also have gone to the Justice Department, which must determine whether anyone connected with the tests should be prosecuted.

Turner said the CIA also had undertaken tests on parapsychology several years ago. The intelligence director said the agency had a man gifted with what he called "visio-perception" of places he had never seen, but added with a smile that the man The Senate committees working on died two years ago "and we haven't